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Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Tsutomu SAWA, Hiroyuki TAKENOSHITA, Hirohide KOMATSU  
FEED BELT  
**Assignee: IBM CORPORATION, KRD CORPORATION**  
Our Ref: Q52359

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Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of pending prior Application No. 09/170,225 filed on October 13, 1998 of Tsutomu SAWA, Hiroyuki TAKENOSHITA, Hirohide KOMATSU entitled FEED BELT.

This application is being filed under 37 CFR § 1.53(d). The prior application, in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. It is understood that secrecy under 35 USC § 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file jacket, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file jacket, the Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all the other applications in the same file jacket.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 3652.

Enter the Amendment previously filed on October 24, 2001 under 37 CFR § 1.116, but unentered, in the prior application.

The power of attorney appears in the original papers of the prior application.

Priority is claimed from:

| <u>Country</u> | <u>Application No</u> | <u>Filing Date</u> |
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| Japan          | 1997-282359           | 10/15/1997         |

The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/170,225.

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A Petition and payment for an extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith in Application No. 09/170,225. The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appln. No. 09/170,225

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PAPER(S) FILED ENTITLED:

1. CPA (in duplicate)
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